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The House met at 3 p.m. and was knowledge the need we have to work called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GRIFFITH).

#### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

> WASHINGTON, DC, February 26, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable H. MORGAN GRIFFITH to act as Speaker pro tempore on

> MIKE JOHNSON. Speaker of the House of Representatives.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following praver:

Wise creator, You set before us, among us, and around us so many examples within Your divine handiwork that serve to open our minds to understand the meaning and purpose of our uniqueness, as well as the reason and necessity of our unity. We see even in the human body, the many parts that comprise it, each with its own valuable function, yet each in reliance of the whole.

In Your divine design of our very being, You have instilled in us the importance of safeguarding and protecting, respecting, and dignifying each individual element that makes us who we are. May we be faithful to Your intention for our life in community and regard each of the many Members of this body with the same security and protection, respect, and dignity as we regard ourselves.

Likewise, You have revealed to us the obligation each part of the body has to the other for the welfare of the whole. May we be receptive to upholding the intricate balance of Your gracious plan, that we, too, would acwith, even rely on, all others without whom this body would not be complete.

For out of many, we are one, and in oneness, may we glorify You.

In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until noon on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 3 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at noon for morninghour debate.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,

Under clause 2 of rule XIV,

EC-3246. A letter from the President, transmitting a letter informing Congress of action taken consistent with the War Powers Resolution, Pub. Law 93-148, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1543(c); Public Law 93-148, Sec. 4(c); (87 Stat. 556) (H. Doc. No. 118-108), was taken

from the Speaker's table, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 5688. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve health saving accounts; with an amendment (Rept. 118-401). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

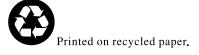
Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. GRAVES of Missouri (for himself and Mr. LARSEN of Washington): H.R. 7454. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Science, Space, and Technology, the Judiciary, and Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker. in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. EMMER (for himself, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. FINSTAD, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. Donalds, Mr. Norman, Mr. Rog-ERS of Alabama, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. Scott Franklin of Florida, Mr. Crenshaw, Mr. Cloud, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. Biggs, Mrs. Fischbach, Mr. Dun-CAN, Ms. MACE, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. Van Drew, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Alford, Mr. Ciscomani, Mr. Bean of Florida, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. WILLIAMS of New York, Mr. VAN ORDEN, and Mr. ROY):

☐ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., ☐ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



H.R. 7455. A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for Congressional oversight of agency rulemaking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GALLEGO:

H.R. 7456. A bill to create emergency supplemental grants to local agencies for maintenance of operations during periods of increased migration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. NORTON, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CARSON, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. TRONE, and Ms. GARCIA of Texas):

H.R. 7457. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to count months during which Peace Corps volunteers and AmeriCorps members have eligible Federal Direct Loans in deferment or forbearance toward eligibility for public service loan forgiveness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. KHANNA (for himself, Mr. GRI-JALVA, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI):

H.R. 7458. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish the Made in the USA tax credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7459. A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to treat the District of Columbia the same as a State for purposes of such Acts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 7460. A bill to redesignate the area of Sumner Row on the 1100 block of 16th Street Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, as "Alexei Navalny Way", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. VAN DREW:

H.R. 7461. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit providers of broadband internet access service from charging consumers above certain amounts for certain equipment; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. WATERS:

H.R. 7462. A bill to require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study regarding insurance coverage for damages from wildfires, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BUCK:

H. Res. 1030. A resolution calling on Vice President Kamala Harris to convene and mobilize the principal officers of the executive departments of the Cabinet to activate section 4 of the 25th Amendment to declare President Joseph R. Biden incapable of executing the duties of his office and to immediately exercise powers as Acting President; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. LESKO (for herself, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. OGLES, Mr. SELF, Mr. NORMAN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. Burgess, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. MIKE GARGIA of California, Ms. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. BURLISON, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. BAIRD, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. BIGGS, Ms. MACE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. BABIN, Mr. FEENSTRA, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, and Mr. NEHLS):

H. Res. 1031. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that

the situation at the southern border is an invasion; to the Committee on Homeland Security

By Mr. POCAN (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, BONAMICI, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. Adams, Mr. Allred, Mr. Amo, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. Brown, Ms. Brownley, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. BUSH, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. COHEN, Mr. Costa, Ms. Craig, Mr. Crow, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEAN of Penn-DEGETTE, svlvania. Ms. Ms DELBENE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mrs. DIN-GELL, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Garamendi, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HIMES, Ms. NORTON, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. Lee of Nevada, Ms. Lee of California, Ms. Leger Fernandez, Mr. Ms. MAGAZINER, Ms. McCLELLAN, McCollum, Mr. McGovern. Ms Ms. MENG, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. Porter, Ms. Pressley, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. Sánchez, Ms. Scanlon, Ms. Scha-KOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. SE-WELL, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Ms. TOKUDA):

H. Res. 1032. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of February 26 through March 1, 2024, as "Public Schools Week"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. GRAVES of Missouri:

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, clause 1, clause 3, and clause 18.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

By Mr. EMMER:

H.R. 7455.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I

The single subject of this legislation is: Requires major rules to be approved by Congress every ten years or face termination.

By Mr. GALLEGO: H.R. 7456.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

"Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: [The Congress shall have Power . . .] To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

The single subject of this legislation is: Immigration

By Mr. GARAMENDI:

H.R. 7457.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of Education to count months during which Peace Corps volunteers and AmeriCorps members have eligible Federal Direct Loans in deferment or forbearance toward eligibility for public service loan forgiveness.

By Mr. KHANNA:

H.R. 7458.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I. Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: Taxes

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7459.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is: to make the District of Columbia eligible for the same federal funding as states under the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act.

By Mr. QUIGLEY:

H.R. 7460.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is: Street renaming

By Mr. VAN DREW:

H.R. 7461.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

article 1 section 8 of the constitution

The single subject of this legislation is: Prohibits providers of broadband internet

Prohibits providers of broadband internet access service from charging consumers above certain amounts for certain equipment.

By Ms. WATERS:

H.R. 7462.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 3 provides Congress with the power to "regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes."

The single subject of this legislation is: Finance and Financial Sector

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

 $H.R.\ 142;$  Ms. Lee of California.

H.R. 537: Mr. MOORE of Utah.

H.R. 669: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 702: Ms. Stansbury.

H.R. 793: Ms. Schakowsky. H.R. 895: Ms. Ross and Mr. Carbajal.